Export of cotton

529. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cotton farmers in Gujarat State have sufficient cotton stocks for exports; and

(b) if so, what steps are being aken to provide incentives to cotton farmers to raise cotton for export purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR (a) Due to loss of production in some parts of the country, there may not be sufficient stock for export during the current cotton season.

(b) The announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for cotton as also the release of automatic quota of 5 lakh bales for its export are made every year.

खारे जल की मत्स्य पालन प्रौद्योगिकी

530. **कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार ने हाल ही में विश्व बैंक की खारे जल की मत्स्य पालन की दोषपूर्ण प्रौद्योगिकी को भारत के लिए उपयुक्त न होने के आधार पर अस्वीकार कर दिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या राज्य सरकार ने इस संबंध में तत्काल उपचारात्मक कदम उठाने के लिए केन्द्र सरकार से अनुरोध किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस० कृष्ण कुमार) (क) पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार से ऐसा कोई पत्र नहीं मिला है।

(ख) से (घ) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते :

Resettlement of earthquake victims in Latur and Osmanabad

531. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the Minister for Agriculture and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has been held recently to discuss and solve the various problems regarding the resettlement of the Latur and Osmanabad earthquake victims;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the meeting; and

(c) if answer to (a) above be in the negative, by when such a meeting is proposed to be held?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no issue relating to the resttlement of earthquake victims of Maharashtr a requiring discussion between Agriculture Minister and the Maharashtra Chief Minister.

World Bank aid for earthquake Victims

532. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total World Bank aid for the reconstruction work for the Latur and Osmanabad earthquake victims;

(b) the World Bank's aid released so far;

(c) the actual utilisation of the aid;